

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Title: | BRIDGE CLIP TISSUE CONNECTOR APPARATUS AND METHODS | | |

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is responsive to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" mailed November 26, 2008.

The claim set filed on August 28, 2008 did not fully comply with the requirements of the revised amendment practice guidelines. The claim set was deemed non-compliant because improper status identifiers were used. With this Communication, Applicant submits a corrected claim set.

Applicant assumes the Amendment and Response is now compliant and is now in proper order and in condition for examination. A fee is not required with this Communication, however at any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 500471.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.